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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM AND VISITING PROFESSOR URI RA'ANAN AUGUST 13, "PRESIDENT OF TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS (TFSC)" RAUL DENKTASH AMPLIFIED OBSERVATIONS MADE TO AMBASSADOR AUGUST 11 (REFTEL).

2. DENKTASH SAID HE WAS PUTTING FINISHING TOUCHES ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR GEOGRAPHIC/DEMOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF TFSC. PANS, WHICH HE STRESSED WAS HIS OWN WORK, THEN TO BE SUBMITTED TO PANEL OF TURKISH CYPRIOT EXPERTS FOR POLISHING BEFORE TRANSMITTAL TO ANKARA WHERE "IN WILL HAVE TO SELL IT TO THE FOUR TURKISH POLITICAL PARTIES" BEFORE SEPT 8-9 CYPRUS TALKS IN NEW YORK. DENKTASH NOTED THIS WOULD BE NO EASY JOB, THAT "WE MAY CRASH AND GET NO AGREEMENT AT ALL" IN WHICH CASE NEW YORK MEETING WOULD NOT BE FRUITFUL.

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3. WITHOUT BEING DRAWN INTO PRECISE FIGURES OR DEFINITION OF TERMS, DENKTASH MADE POINT THAT TURK CYPRIOTS OWNED 30 PERCENT OF CYPRUS LAND PRIOR TO WAR; NO POLITICAL PARTY IN TURKEY WOULD COUNTENANCE HANDING BACK TO GREEKS ANY LAND WHICH HAS BEEN HISTORICALLY TURKISH OR "BOUGHT WITH TURKISH BLOOD". GREEK REFUGEE PROBLEM ALREADY HALF WAY SOLVED BY MOVEMENT OF 50,000 TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO NORTH OVER PAST YEAR; VACATED TURK VILLAGES IN SOUTH, WHICH NEVER OCCUPIED TO CAPACITY BECAUSE OF GOC PRESSURE, PROVIDE NEW HOMES FOR AT LEAST THAT MANY GREEK CYPRIOTS. ALLUDING VAGUELY TO MORPHOU CITRUS GROVES AND AREA SOUTH OF NEW FAMAGUSTA ROAD, DENKTASH SAID THAT TURK CYPRIOTS NOW LIVING IN BORDER AREAS HE ASSUMED MIGHT BE NEGOTIABLE ARE AWARE THEIR OCCUPATION GREEK CYPRIOT VILLAGES NOT NECESSARILY PERMANENT.

4. DENKTASH COMMENTED THAT GEOGRAPHIC DELINEATIONS ARE FAR LESS IMPORTANT THAN PRINCIPLE OF BIZONALISM NOW CLEARLY ESTABLISHED AT VIENNA III, "AGREED TO BY CLERIDES AND KNOWN TO YOUR (AMERICAN) PRESIDENT". TRANSFER OF REMAINING TURK CYPRIOTS NORTH (APPROXIMATELY 8,000) LAST ESSENTIAL PRECONDITION TO SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. SMALL GREEK MINORITY WILL BE PERMITTED RESIDE IN NORTH ASSUMING THEY ACCEPT POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF TFSC; GREEKS CAN RUN THEIR OWN EDUCATION, WORSHIP AS THEY WISH, BUT WILL HAVE TO RESPECT TURKISH CYPRIOT LAW. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN TFSC AGREE TO DILUTION OF ITS POPULATION BY "APPRECIABLE NUMBER" OF GREEK CYPRIOTS. AS TO LAND AREAS, MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS WHEREBY EACH FEDERATED STATE WILL BE ECONOMICALLY VIABLE WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY ASSURING SECURITY OF TURK CYPRIOTS, WHICH STILL MINORITY ON ISLAND. HERE, DENKTASH NOTED, "MY GENERALS MUST HAVE A SAY SINCE THEY WILL NEVER PERMIT BORDERS WHICH COULD INVITE A GREEK MILITARY THREAT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE".

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